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1. REFTEL REPORTED EXPRESSED CONCERN OF GENERAL ANTONIO ANZA, COMMANDER THIRD ARMY CORPS, OVER POSSIBLE WEAK SUCCESSION TO GENERAL MINO, COMMANDER CARABINIERI.

2. UNDER PRESENT LEGISLATION, GENERAL MINO COULD BE FORCED INTO RETIREMENT NEXT MONTH, AFTER ONE YEAR IN THE GRADE OF (FOUR STAR) GENERAL AND MEMBER OF THE SUPREME DEFENSE COUNCIL, THOUGH IN FACT HE WOULD HAVE THREE YEARS OF SERVICE REMAINING BEFORE MANDATORY RETIREMENT ON THE BASIS OF AGE. HOWEVER, ACCORDING TO MISSION SOURCES, GENERAL MINO IS LIKELY TO REMAIN AT HIS KEY POST OF COMMAND OVER THE CARABINIERI FOR THE FORE-SEEABLE FUTURE. REPORTEDLY, MINO WILL GIVE UP HIS PRESENT RANK AND REVERT TO THREE STARS (THE AUTHORIZED LEVEL FOR THE CARABINIERI CHIEF), THEREBY LOSING HIS SEAT ON THE SUPREME DEFENSE COUNCIL. IN THAT EVEN, MINO COULD SERVE OUT HIS REMAINING THREE YEARS OF SERVICE IN THAT POST. THERE IS, MOREOVER, THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE AUTHORIZED GRADE FOR THE CARABINIERI COMMANDER CAN SUBSEQUENTLY BE LEGISLATED AT THE FOUR STAR LEVEL IF MINO'S SENSIBILITIES

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SUPPORT FOR THE CHANGE. OTHER POSSIBILITIES EXIST FOR
SIMILAR SIMPLE BUREAUCRATIC LEGERDEMAIN TO KEEP MINO AT
HIS POST, BUT THE OUTCOME WOULD GENERALLY BE THE SAME...MINO
CAN AND PROBABLY WILL STAY ON. BEAUDRY

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